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William E. Mott, Acting Director  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
Washington, DC 20545

Dear Dr. Mott:

My staff has reviewed the information received from your office under cover letter of September 9, 1982 on the two Salt Lake City properties (SL037 and SL068) designated as vicinity properties under the provisions of Section 102(e)(2) of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-604). We agree with your designation of these two properties as eligible for remedial action because each property has levels of radiation exceeding one or more of EPA's standards (Interim Standards for Remedial Actions at Inactive Uranium Processing Sites - 45FR27366, April 22, 1980) which can be attributed to the presence of residual radioactive materials on the property.

In previous communications NRC staff has indicated that we consider the most reasonable and efficient approach to exercising our consultation role relative to the designation of vicinity properties under the UMTRA program would be to agree on a generic set of procedures to be followed in the site designation process. As long as DOE followed such agreed upon procedures there would be no need to consult with NRC on a site specific basis prior to the designation of individual properties. Only in those instances where DOE considered that an exception to the generic procedures was needed would consultation with the NRC prior to site designation be necessary.

It is our understanding, based upon conversations with Tony Brazley of your staff, that such procedures are presently being developed and are available in a draft document entitled, "Generic Radiological Characterization Protocol for Surveys Conducted for DOE/OOS Remedial Action Programs." NRC would appreciate the opportunity to review these procedures as soon as practicable in an effort to reach agreement since we continue to believe that a generic approach would best serve the interests of both DOE and NRC.

William E. Mott

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If you should have any questions concerning these comments, please contact Claude Flory (427-4539) of my staff.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

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